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MINUTES OF VERNAL AREA
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING



Mr. Criddle, acting as chairman, opened the meeting at 8:30 P. M., March 4, 1963.

Mr. Criddle gave a brief history of distribution on Brush Creek and Pot Creek. He also mentioned that Ashley Creek would be distributed under Court Order as the State Engineer's Office is not aware of all the rights on Ashley Creek.

Mr. Criddle called on each system to name their representatives, on the 11-man committee. They are as follows:

POT CREEK

1. Bill Allen
2. Ralph Calder

BRUSH CREEK

1. Bill Karren
2. N. J. Meagher, Jr.
3. Curt Dudley

The Brush Creek group was protested by Reed Taylor. Mr. Taylor claimed that Little Brush Creek did not have any voice in the choosing of the representatives. Mr. Criddle suggested that these representatives represent Brush Creek for this meeting and in the future, the Brush Creek and Little Brush Creek Water Users get together and elect three (3) men to represent them.

Mr. N. J. Meagher, Jr. explained that the Brush Creek meeting was very informal.

Dave Rasmussen commented that everybody was represented.

ASHLEY CREEK

1. Leon Christensen - representing Conservancy District
2. Davis Merkley - representing Rock Point, Dodds, Steinaker Island.
3. Lynn Moshan - representing Ashley Creek above Ft. Thornburg Diversion
4. Ward Merkley - representing Ashley Central Canal.
5. Lowell Goodrich - Ashley Upper Canal
6. Lynn Richens - representing Highline Canal and Ashley Valley Reservoir Company.

Secretary
Chairman

Mr. Criddle requested Mr. Frank Reese, Chief Accountant for the State Engineer's Office give a breakdown of the 1962 financial statement for each system. (See attached sheet)

Mr. Reese gave this report. (See attached sheet)

Mr. Criddle gave a partial breakdown of the Proposed 1963 Budget for the combined Ashley, Brush and Pot Creek systems.

The meeting was opened to discussion.

Question - N. J. Meagher, Jr. - The proposed mileage allotment for 1963 appears to be high. (11,500 miles)

Answer - Mr. Criddle - This figure was based on the mileage traveled in 1962.

Question - Roland Merkley - Would Mr. Criddle give a complete breakdown of the proposed 1963 budget?

Answer - Mr. Criddle gave the complete breakdown of the 1963 budget.

Question - N. J. Meagher, Jr. - Will a breakdown of costs to each system be kept in the future?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Yes, a breakdown of each system will be kept.

Question - Lynn Moshan - Will provision be made for the distribution of winter water on Ashley?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Yes.

Question - Roland Merkley - How will this be done?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - The Commissioner will be appointed on a year around basis.

1963

MOTION - Curt Dudley - I move that the proposed budget for 1963 be approved on a trial basis for one year.

Second - Glenn Murray

Discussion on the motion - Question

Zelph Calder - Has the Commissioner been appointed? Does the State Engineer have to take the recommendation of the committee?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - The Commissioner has not been appointed as yet. The State Engineer will take into consideration, the recommendation of the committee, but he does not have to appoint the Commissioner recommended by the committee.

Mr. Criddle called for a vote on the motion. The motion was carried by the majority. Zelph Calder opposed the motion.

The proposed assessment for the Vernal Area System (Table 2 - Breakdown of Vernal Area Costs for 1963) was included in the Motion without objection. This called for a total assessment of \$6,277.82.

Curt Dudley suggested that the Committee meet and then make its recommendations to the State Engineer.

Mr. Criddle requested that the committee recommendations be presented to him by March 20, 1963.

Question - Lyle McKeachnie - How was the cost percentage (60% Ashley, 30% Brush, 10% Pot) for each system arrived at?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Explained that the percentages were figured, using the acre feet delivery, mileage, time involved, etc., for each system.

Question - Lyle McKeachnie - Would the State Engineer accept a change, if the committee so recommended?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - The committees recommendations would be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

The following is a list of those present: WATER USERS MEETING, March 4, 1963.
Ashley, Brush and Pot Creeks

NAME

Woodey B. Searle
Roy D. Mills
Ward Merkley
Lynn Meacham
Albert Freestone
Lowe Goodrich
Reed Taylor
Lynn Richens
Colton McKeachnie
Lynn Martinsen
Robert Cook
Rex L. Gardner
Roland Merkley
Morgan Hall
Leon P. Christensen
Lyle McKeachnie
Joseph Calder
Robert Shiner
Sam Sessions
C. D. Dudley
L. Glenn Murray
Nick Meagher
Arthur Murray
William Karren
Davis Merkley
Wilford Evans
Martin A. Evans
Howard Ainge
Rulon S. Hacking
William Allen
Zelph Calder

REPRESENT

Little Brush Creek
Central Canal
Central Irrigation Company
Dry Fork Irrigation Company
Rock Point
Central and Upper
Little Brush Creek and Rock Point
Ashley Valley Reservoir
Highline Canal
Mosby
Ashley Upper Canal
Independent Water right
Dry Fork Irrigation Company
Ashley Valley Water Users
Utah Water Conservancy District
Visitor
Pot Creek
Brush and Pot Creeks
Brush Creek
Burnsbench Irrigation Company
Burton Ditch Company
Sunshine Ranch

Brush and Pot Creeks
Dodds Ditch
Little Brush Creek
Brush Creek
Brush Creek
Upper Ashley and Pot Creeks
Pot Creek
Pot Creek

NAME

Alton H. Peterson
Joe Dodds
Sterling Cook
Robert Guy
Edward Stevenson
Wayne D. Criddle
Donald C. Norseth
Frank Reese

REPRESENT

Bureau of Reclamation
Dodds Ditch
Dodds Ditch
Area Engineer-State Engineer's Office
State Engineer's Office
State Engineer
Distribution Engineer-State Engr. Office
Chief Accountant-State Engineer's Office

Minutes submitted by Robert F. Guy, Area Engineer

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

CONSOLIDATED: ASHLEY-BRUSH-POT CREEK RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

1962 Budget Item no.	Description of item	Amount approved for 1962	Total 1962 expenditures	Ashley Valley	Brush Creek	Pot Creek
1	Commissioner's salary	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 225.00 <u>2/</u>
1-C	Matching Social Security	106.88	74.69	40.12	34.57	-0-
1-F	Matching State Retirement	135.60	95.59	51.36	44.23	-0-
2	Deputy Commissioner's salary	-0-	975.00	975.00	-0-	-0-
2-C	Matching Social Security	-0-	80.47	30.47	-0-	-0-
2-F	Matching State Retirement	-0-	39.00	39.00	-0-	-0-
3	Travel expense	1,175.00	883.90	616.90	267.00	-0-
4	Bonds & Insurance Premium	140.00	23.29	10.00	6.74	6.55
5	Office rent	300.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
6	Telephone expense	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
7	Annual report	220.00	60.00 <u>1/</u>	-0-	30.00 <u>1/</u>	30.00 <u>1/</u>
8	Equipment (Field & Office)	500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
9	Miscellaneous	205.23	1.92	-0-	.85	1.07
10	Reimburse State Engineer	52.29	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,998.86	\$ 3,046.85	\$ 1,489.39	\$ 462.62

1/ 1961 Annual Report
2/ Contractual Services